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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5/4/01; 7/26/01
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8, 18-23, 25-33 RENUMBERED 1-8, 9-11, 14-23, 12, 13
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 5/4/01 are acceptable as formal drawings. (PAPER NO 32)
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____

5. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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6. ☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
7. ☐ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review(PTO-948) attached
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. _____.
(b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the examiner.
(c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

8. ☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any reply to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE / SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____ |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. _____ | 6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's amendment, filed 5/11/0 (Paper No. 33), has been entered. Claims 9-17 have been canceled. Claim 24 has been canceled previously. Claim 27 has been amended.

Claims 1-8, and 18-23 and 25-33 are pending.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

3. Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Maurice Klee on 7/26/01.

4. Page 13, line 9 has been amended by inserting after "KSSKC epitope":
-- (SEQ ID NO: 1) -- .

5. Page 33, line 5 has been amended by inserting after "KSSKC epitope":
-- (SEQ ID NO: 1) -- .

6. Page 33, line 35 has been amended by inserting after "KSSKC epitope":
-- (SEQ ID NO: 1) -- .

7. Page 34, line 3 has been amended by inserting after "KSSKC epitope":
-- (SEQ ID NO: 1) -- .

8. Page 36, line 17 has been amended by inserting after "KSSKC epitope":
-- (SEQ ID NO: 1) -- .

9. Page 36, line 27 has been amended by inserting after "KSSKC epitope":
-- (SEQ ID NO: 1) -- .

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

10. The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

Upon reconsideration of applicant's amendment, filed 5/11/0 (Paper No. 33); the previous rejections have been withdrawn.


The Klee declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132, filed 7/26/01 (Paper No. 34) in conjunction with the ATCC deposit information, filed 5/11/01 (Paper No. 33), are sufficient to overcome the previous objections/rejection of the instant claims based upon the deposit of biological materials under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

As indicated previously; the instant anti-C5 antibodies appear to be free of the prior art. The prior art does not appear to teach the anti-C5 antibodies, which bind the alpha chain of human C5, which inhibit complement, which inhibits human C5 binding to C3 or C4 and does not bind human free C5a of the claimed invention.

11. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably **accompany** the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phillip Gambel whose telephone number is (703) 308-3997. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm. A message may be left on the examiner's voice mail service. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Chan can be reached on (703) 308-3973. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center 1600 receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

Papers related to this application may be submitted to Technology Center 1600 by facsimile transmission. Papers should be faxed to Technology Center 1600 via the PTO Fax Center located in Crystal Mall 1. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1989). The CM1 Fax Center telephone number is (703) 305-3014.


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